



**Strengthening National Surveillance Systems towards  
Measles and Rubella Elimination in the WHO  
European Region  
08-09 December 2011 – Bonn, Germany**

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**Programme of the meeting**

**Thursday, 08 December**

09:00-10:00	Registration	
10.00-10:20	Welcome by the World Health Organization Regional Office for Europe  Objectives of the Meeting	Rebecca Martin, WHO/European Region  Michal Krzyzanowski, WHO/European Region, Bonn Office
	Welcome by the Robert Koch Institute, Berlin	Reinhard Burger, Robert Koch Institute, Germany
	Welcome by the Federal Ministry of Health, Germany	Franz-Josef Bindert, Federal Ministry of Health, Germany
<b>Session 1: Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome – an overview and surveillance</b> <i>Selection of the chairperson</i>		
10:20-10:40	Measles and Rubella: Global Update	Robert Tyrrell Perry, WHO Headquarters, Geneva
10:40-11.00	Achieving Measles and Rubella Elimination in the European Region: Programmes, Systems, and Demand	Rebecca Martin, WHO/European Region
11:00-11:20	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
11:20-11:40	Regional Measles, Rubella and Congenital Rubella Syndrome Surveillance Guidelines	Dragan Jankovic, WHO/European Region
11:55-12:30	The role of laboratories in the measles-rubella elimination program	Mick Mulders, WHO/European Region

	The role of laboratories in measles and rubella surveillance towards elimination	Claude Muller, Regional Reference Laboratory for measles and rubella, Luxemburg
12.30-13.00	<i>Discussion</i>	
13.00-14:00	<i>Lunch</i>	
<b>Session 2 : Surveillance for measles and outbreaks in the European Region</b>		
<i>Selection of the chairperson</i>		
14:00-14:20	Implementation of the National measles eradication program and improving measles and rubella surveillance in the Russian Federation	Albina Melnikova, Rospotrebnadzor, Russian Federation
14:20-14:40	Measles Surveillance and Control in Slovenia	Marta Grgič Vitek, Public health institute of Republic Slovenia, Slovenia
14:40-15:00	Surveillance of measles in Switzerland: Facts and challenges	Jean-Luc Richard, Public Health Directorate, Switzerland
15:00-15:20	Measles surveillance and results from recent outbreak investigations in Germany	Ole Wichmann, Robert Koch Institute, Germany
15:20-15:40	<i>Discussion</i>	
15.40-16.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
16:00-16:15	Measles and rubella outbreaks in the WHO/European Region	Dragan Jankovic, WHO/European Region
16:15-17:45	<p><u>Panel presentation:</u> Measles outbreaks in the WHO/European Region – specificities in countries</p> <p><i>Moderator:</i> Dragan Jankovic</p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <p><i>Kyrgyzstan – Olga Safonova, RCI</i></p> <p><i>France - Isabelle Parent, InVS</i></p> <p><i>Romania - Aurora Stanescu, PHI</i></p> <p><i>Spain - Aurora Limia, PHI</i></p> <p><i>Uzbekistan – Dilarum Tursunova,, Ministry of Health</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>	
17:45-18:00	Discussion and Closing of the day	
<b>19:00 Reception in the Bonn City Hall</b>		

**Friday, 09 December**

<b>Session 3: Surveillance and Verification of the Elimination</b>		
<i>Selection of the chairperson</i>		
09:00-09:20	Measles and Rubella surveillance reporting to WHO European Region	Ajay Goel, WHO/European Region
09:20-09:40	The ECDC activities in supporting strengthening measles and rubella surveillance in Member States of the European Union	Lucia Pastore Celentano, ECDC
09:40-10:00	Indicators for measles and rubella elimination and framework for elimination verification	Sergei Deshevoi, WHO/European Region
10.00-11.00	<i>Discussion</i>	
11.00-11:30	<i>Coffee Break</i>	
<b>Session 4: Rubella and CRS surveillance</b>		
<i>Selection of the chairperson</i>		
11:30-11:45	Rubella in the European Region	Mark Muscat
11:45-12:05	Regional Surveillance for Congenital Rubella Syndrome	Nino Khetsuriani, US CDC
12:05-12:25	Surveillance system for rubella in pregnant women & CRS in France  Perspectives for rubella surveillance	Isabelle Parent du Châtelet, Institut de Veille Sanitaire, France
12:25-12:45	Rubella and CRS Surveillance United Kingdom	Kevin Brown, Health Protection Agency, United Kingdom
12:45-13:05	Surveillance and control of rubella and congenital rubella in Italy	Antonietta Filia  Istituto Superiore di Sanità, Italy
13:05-13:30	<i>Discussion</i>	
13:30-14:45	<i>Lunch</i>	
<i>Lunch session</i> 14:25-14:45	National computerized surveillance data base – example of MRSM	Ara Tadevosyan, Consultant of the WHO/European Region
14:45-15:45	<i>Panel discussion: Main messages of the meeting - the way forward</i>  <i>Moderator: Rebecca Martin</i> Measles surveillance Rubella surveillance CRS surveillance Outbreaks Surveillance	
15:45-16:00	<i>Closing of the Meeting</i>	